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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Oakland – Authorities Seize Guns, Drugs, and Gambling Machines at Underground Casino

(U) Police say public tips helped them break up an illegal casino this past week, with authorities confiscating guns, drugs, and more than a dozen gaming machines. According to Oakland police, they seized eight guns including two assault rifles, 30 illegal high-capacity magazines, and assorted amounts of drugs including methamphetamine and heroin worth about \$76,000. Officers also took \$21,000 in cash and 18 gaming machines from the site. One person was arrested.

SOURCE: 18 July 2021, [The Mercury News](#)

(U) Salinas – Authorities Seize Several Tons of Illegal Cannabis

(U) A week-long crackdown on illegal cannabis operations has led to several tons of cannabis being seized in Monterey County. Large-scale operations involving the sheriff's department and the District Attorney's Office led to more than 3.5-tons of illegal pot plants confiscated during the crackdown. One of the largest illegal grow operations was found in Chualar Canyon where roughly 300-pounds of processed illegal pot was uncovered. Also, at that location was an illegal Butane lab that required the bomb squad to be called in. Law enforcement said they target these illegal, unlicensed operations in large part to protect consumers.

SOURCE: 16 July 2021, [ABC 8](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – US CBP Seizes \$75 Million in Narcotics at Laredo Bridges

(U) Laredo – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers seized more than \$75 million in narcotics at international bridges in Laredo, authorities said. The four interceptions have a combined street value of \$75,234,967. CBP seized the narcotics, a van, and one trailer in connection with the smuggling attempts. Homeland Security Investigations took over the cases for further investigation.

SOURCE: 16 July 2021, [LMT Online](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – Multiple Wounded after Suspect Opens Fire on Responding EMTs, Firefighters

(U) Tucson – A shooting incident left multiple people injured, including an ambulance crew, two people dead and several children missing Sunday evening. The incident took place over three locations and involved a Tucson Fire crew, Tucson Police officers, an ambulance crew, and neighbors near the original fire scene. A man driving a silver SUV showed up at multiple locations and fired shots at residents and first responders. Ultimately, the suspect tried to ram his vehicle into an officer and the two exchanged gunfire. The 35-year-old suspect was hit and is said to be in critical condition.

SOURCE: 19 July 2021, [KGUN 9](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US, Allies Accuse China of Global Cyber Hacking Campaign

(U) Washington DC – The United States and a coalition of allies accused China of a global cyber hacking campaign that employed contract hackers, specifically attributing a large Microsoft attack disclosed

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earlier this year to actors working on Beijing's behalf. Also, on Monday, the US Justice Department said four Chinese nationals affiliated with the Chinese Ministry of State Security (MSS) were charged in a global hacking campaign aimed at dozens of companies, universities, and government agencies in the US and abroad. The activities took place between 2011 and 2018 that focused on information that would significantly benefit Chinese companies and businesses, it said.

SOURCE: 19 July 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Three People Wounded in A Shooting at Nationals Park During MLB Game

(U) Washington DC – Three people were injured in a shooting Saturday night outside Nationals Park in Washington, DC, sending baseball fans and players scrambling during a game, police said. Two vehicles were involved in a "shootout" on a street outside of the stadium during the game. Police recovered one of the vehicles but the other remains at-large.

SOURCE: 18 July 2021, [CNN](#)

(U) Florida – Man Sentenced in Scheme to Ship Military Boats to China

(U) Jacksonville – A Chinese man who tried to buy and ship inflatable military boats from the US to China was sentenced Friday to three-years, six-months in US federal prison. Ge Songtao, 51, pleaded guilty in federal court in Jacksonville, Florida, last November to conspiring to submit false export information to fraudulently export maritime raiding craft and engines to China and to attempting to fraudulently export that equipment, according to court records. In addition, the judge ordered Ge Songtao to forfeit more than \$114,000. A US District Judge found that Ge Songtao was planning to reverse-engineer the engines and supply his own version to the Chinese military.

SOURCE: 17 July 2021, [MSN](#)

(U) Florida – Delta COVID-19 Variant Now Dominant Strain Worldwide, US Deaths Surge

(U) Tallahassee – The Delta variant of COVID-19 is now the dominant strain worldwide, accompanied by a surge of deaths around the US almost entirely among unvaccinated people. US cases of COVID-19 are up 70% over the previous week and deaths are up 26%, with outbreaks occurring in parts of the country with low vaccination rates. The seven-day-average number of daily cases is now more than 26,000, more than twice its June low of around 11,000 cases. The starkest uptick in cases has occurred in Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Missouri, and Nevada. An increasing number of counties around the US now exhibit a high risk of COVID-19 transmission, reversing significant declines in transmission risk in recent months. Around 1-in-5 new cases have occurred in Florida.

SOURCE: 16 July 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Austria – Authorities Investigating Reported ‘Havana Syndrome’ Cases Among US Envoys

(U) Vienna – Austria is working with the US authorities to get to the bottom of a reported spate of suspected cases of an ailment known as "Havana syndrome" among US diplomats in Vienna. Since US President Joe Biden took office in January, roughly two dozen US intelligence officers, diplomats, and other officials in Vienna have reported symptoms similar to those of Havana syndrome, making it the second-biggest hotspot after Havana.

SOURCE: 17 July 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Costa Rica – Authorities Seize 4.3-Tons of Colombian Cocaine

(U) San Jose – Costa Rican police on Sunday seized 4.3-tons of cocaine originating in Colombia, the Central American nation's second-largest drug bust ever and the biggest this year. Major cocaine busts in recent years have stoked fears that Costa Rica has become an important transit country for Colombian drugs heading toward Europe, worrying officials in one of Central America's most stable

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nations. The shipment of cocaine was transported in a container loaded with ceramic floor tiling aboard a commercial ship that arrived at the Costa Rican port of Moin from Colombia's Caribbean port of Turbo. SOURCE: 18 July 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) India – Top LeT Commander Among Two Terrorists Killed in Encounter

(U) Shopian – A top commander of the proscribed terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) was killed in an encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian area early on Monday morning. Another terrorist was also eliminated by the forces during the gunfight. According to Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Vijay Kumar, the LeT commander has been identified as Ishfaq Dar alias Abu Akram. He was active in the Valley since 2017 and responsible for a very large number of terror crime cases including attacks on and killings of security forces and civilians.

SOURCE: 19 July 2021, [India Today](#)

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